

SENATE BILL No. 496

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-24; IC 9-19-13-4.5; IC 9-21-7-11; IC 20-27-9-16.

Synopsis: Church bus equipment. Provides that a school bus that is used as a church bus may be equipped with red lamps or flashing lights, or both.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 24. "Church bus" ~~for~~
3 ~~purposes of IC 9-29-5-9~~, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-29-5-9(a).

4 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-13-4.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Except for a
6 vehicle utilized in a funeral procession, a vehicle that is not described
7 by section 4 of this chapter may not display a red lamp.

8 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (c)**, a person who:

9 (1) purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle with equipment
10 described by section 4 of this chapter; and

11 (2) is not authorized to display a red lamp upon the vehicle;

12 shall immediately remove the red lamp from the vehicle.

13 (c) **A person who:**

14 (1) purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle with equipment
15 described by section 4 of this chapter; and

16 (2) uses the vehicle as a church bus;

17 may display a red lamp on the vehicle.



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SECTION 3. IC 9-21-7-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a vehicle may not display flashing lights.

(b) Flashing lights may be displayed on a vehicle as follows:

- (1) On an authorized emergency vehicle.
- (2) On a school bus.
- (3) On snow-removal equipment.
- (4) As a means of indicating a right or left turn.
- (5) As a means of indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing.

(6) On a bus described in IC 9-19-13-4 that is used as a church bus.

SECTION 4. IC 20-27-9-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 16. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),** whenever a school bus is purchased for and is being used for any purpose except to transport students, the purchaser shall:

- (1) remove the flasher lights;
- (2) remove the stop arm; and
- (3) paint the bus any color except the national standard school bus chrome yellow.

(b) Whenever a school bus is purchased for use, and is being used, as a church bus (as defined in IC 9-29-5-9(a)), the purchaser shall:

- (1) remove the stop arm; and**
- (2) paint the bus any color except the national standard school bus chrome yellow.**

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